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1. Soviet troops in Szekesfehervar (G48/Z00) (10-15 September 1953)

- a. Headquarters of the 2 Soviet Mechanized Division is located in the so-called "New Army Corps Building", on Karl Marx Square, near the police headquarters.
- b. Location of some of the subordinate units: Headquarters of a Soviet armored regiment is located in the artillery barracks on the Vörös hadsereg utja. Also quartered here are the headquarters and the various units of two subordinate armored battalions with a strength of about 1,200 men. Before the maneuvers began, the following vehicles were observed in the courtyard of the barracks:

- 1) about 35 tanks of the T-34/85 type
- 2) about 30 tanks of the JS-122 type
- 3) about 30 trucks

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- c. In the former Infantry Barracks, near the Vörös hadsereg utja Cavalry Barracks, are located the headquarters and the various units of two battalions of a Soviet motorized infantry regiment. Their strength is about 1,400 men. The following vehicles were seen in the courtyard of the barracks: about 70 trucks

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- d. Stationed in the former antiaircraft barracks, located at the rail and highway crossings of the routes leading to Seregelyes and Bicske are the headquarters and the units of two Soviet motorized howitzer artillery groups with a total strength of about 1,200 men. Each group is equipped with 12 howitzers of 122 mm. caliber. Before the maneuvers began, about 50 vehicles, some of which were tractors, were lined up in the courtyard.

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2. Maneuvers of Soviet Troops (9-18 August 1953).

- a. Armored units of the 2 Soviet Mechanized Division, were on maneuvers in the area of Seregélyes, Polgárdi, Nagyláng, Dorog, Lepsény, and Simontornya.
 - 1) Artillery units were located in the Lake Velence area.
 - 2) Motorized infantry units were maneuvering in the zone of Abasárkeresztúr, Sárbogárd, and Vajta.
- b. Maneuvers at company and battalion levels only were observed during this period. It was expected that the maneuvers were to continue in the direction of Szekszárd and Bonyhád.
- c. Units of the 95 Soviet Division were also participating in these maneuvers.
 - 1) Armored units and artillery units were located in the zone of Cegléd, Orkény, and Lajosmizse.
 - 2) Motorized infantry units were located in the zones of Izsák, Kiskőrös, Harta (pioneers), and Soltvadkert.
- d. Until 15 August 1953 only maneuvers on battalion level took place, however, after this date, there were maneuvers on regimental level. The division scale maneuvers were to begin at the end of September 1953.

3. Soviet Troop Movements. [] the Soviets, on account of the danger caused by the partisans in Central Poland have re-routed troop replacements for East Germany from the usual Brest-Litovsk-Warsaw line to a route through Chop and Biel (Bely-R49/E80) in Czechoslovakia, thereby having a chance to test the capacity of the Biel shunting station.¹ Between 15 July and 15 August 1953, 30 troop convoys en route to Bohemia via Zvolen arrived at the Biel shunting station. From Bohemia they went into East Germany.

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4. Soviet Troops in Kecskemét (Y6/N95) (11 - 15 September 1953).

- a. Headquarters of the 95 Soviet Mechanized Division is located in the Bugac tourist hotel.
- b. The following subordinate units are located in the Rudolf Barracks in Kecskemét:
 - 1) Headquarters and the various units of an armored Soviet regiment,
 - 2) Units of a Soviet assault guns group.

Total strength of these two units is 1,600 men.

- c. During the month of July 1953 the armored Soviet regiment received new replacements from the USSR for about half of the older soldiers. The replacements were about 19 - 20 years old. The regiment is equipped with:
 - 1) 30 tanks of the T-34/85 type
 - 2) 20 tanks of the JS-122 type
 - 3) 12 self-propelled SU-122
 - 4) 13 self-propelled SU-85
 - 5) 40 trucks []

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- d. Located in the Infantry Barracks (Kisfaludy utca) is a Soviet motorized infantry regiment with 2 battalions. There are about 1,000 men. Here too, about half of the older soldiers have been replaced by younger men.

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e. Located in the Cavalry Barracks (Vasut utca) there is a Soviet tank reconnaissance group numbering 500 men and equipped with:

- 1) 12 tanks of the T-34/85 type
- 2) 12 tanks of the JS-122 type
- 3) 8 tanks of the SU-122 type
- 4) 8 antitank guns with a caliber of 76.2 mm.

f. In addition there is a small Soviet unit guarding the barracks mentioned above.

5. Soviet Troops in Debrecen (R48/K40) There were no Soviet troops in September 1953 in Debrecen except for the ones listed below:

a. In the former garrison Headquarters at Vörös hadsereg utja there was a Soviet transport command composed of about 60 men. These men guarded Soviet freight trains at the Záhony border station and accompany the trains as far as Szolnok.

b. The situation at the Debrecen airfield was as follows: The three Soviet bomber companies equipped with IL-16 and IL-18 planes formerly stationed at this field were transferred unexpectedly to an unknown destination during July 1953. A few days later a wing of Soviet fighter planes took their place. In September 1953 there were about 350 men and the following planes located at the field:

- 1) 30 MIG 15
- 2) 11 YAK-9
- 3) 9 LI-2
- 4) 8 or 10 PO-2

The number of transport and reconnaissance planes changed daily, while the number of fighter planes had remained stationary for weeks.

6. Soviet Troops in Szolnok (Q48/O37) (10-14 September 1953)

a. Located at the "Tiszai" Barracks were the headquarters and units of a Soviet armored regiment with a strength of about 1,400 men. This regiment was subordinate to the 95 Mechanized Division at Kecskemét. Regimental equipment consisted of:

- 1) 30 T-34/85-type tanks
- 2) 30 JS-122-type tanks

b. The units of this armored regiment were engaged in maneuvers in the Cegléd area.

7. Soviet Troops in the Miskolc Area (12 -14 September 1953)

a. There were no Soviet troops in the city of Miskolc. However, there were about 400 Soviet civilian employees in the factories at Ózd and Diósgyőr.

b. At the barracks located on the outskirts of Miskolc on the Új Diósgyőr road, a Soviet armored battalion was stationed with about 600 men and equipment as follows:

- 1) about 20 tanks of the T-34/85 type
- 2) 24 tanks of the JS-122 type.

c. During the past months no passes were issued to the members of these units. The battalion has been stationed here since the middle of May 1953.

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8. Soviet Garrison at Győr (P48/Y44). (4-7 September 1953)

- a. Stationed in the former "Vadász" barracks are the headquarters and personnel of a Soviet motorized infantry battalion with a strength of about 600 men. The following materiel was noted in the barracks courtyard before the departure for maneuvers:

- 1) 4 antitank guns, caliber 76.2 mm.
- 2) 8 antitank guns, caliber 37 mm.
- 3) 6 mortars, caliber 82 mm.

- 4) 64 trucks

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- b. In the artillery barracks at Győrszabadhegy are the headquarters and units of a Soviet reconnaissance tank battalion. Strength of the battalion is about 500 men. The battalion is equipped with the following:

- 1) 36 tanks of type T-34/85
- 2) 8 antitank guns of 76.2 mm. caliber
- 3) 20 trucks

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The battalion has been stationed in Győr for more than a year. Formerly it was subordinate to a division in Austria, but for about the last six months it has been a component of the 2 Mechanized Division at Székesfehérvár.

- c. As of beginning September 1953, the Soviet units in Győr were at Lovászpátona and at Homokbödöge, near Pápa.

1. Comment: This may be a reference to the marshalling and transloading yards at Cierna (Cerna), near Biel and across the Soviet-Czechoslovak frontier from Chop.

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